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SUBJECT: HAITIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY'S IMPRESSIONS OF OASGA

1. ON MAY 16, SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HEADING HAITIAN DELEGATION TO OASGA, HAITIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY EDNER BRUTUS GAVE CHARGE THE FOLLOWING OFF-THE-RECORD REACTIONS:
2. ON WHOLE, BRUTUS FELT RESULTS WERE "DISAPPOINTING", IN THAT ALL IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE BEING PUT OFF TO BE HANDLED AT OTHER TIMES AND PLACES. THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING, HE CONTINUED, AND NOT THE FAULT OF USG. IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF THE WAY LA FOREIGN MINISTERS GENERALLY ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO ISSUES IN SUCH MEETINGS.
3. E.G., AFTER ALL THE FUSS AT QUITO OVER CUBA ISSUE, BRUTUS FELT IT IRONIC THAT THE ONLY FOREIGN MINISTER PREPARED TO ADDRESS HIMSELF OPENLY TO ISSUE AT OASGA WAS SECRETARY KISSINGER.
4. BRUTUS BELIEVED "INFORMAL DISCUSSION" FORMAT HAD BEEN GOOD IDEA, BUT BENEFITS WERE LARGELY LOST DUE TO THE MANY LA FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO SPOKE ALMOST AS VOLUBLY AS IF THEY HAD BEEN MAKING FORMAL ADDRESSES.

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5. RE PROJECTED JULY CONFERENCE IN COSTA RICA ON CUBA

SANCTIONS, BRUTUS DOUBTED HE PERSONALLY WOULD HEAD HAITIAN DELEGATION SINCE HE HAD OFFICIAL INVITATIONS TO TRAVEL TO EAST ASIA AT THAT TIME AND WAS ANXIOUS TO ACCOMPLISH VISITS TO TAIPEI, SEOUL, AND TOKYO.

6. BRUTUS WAS VERY PLEASED WITH ARRANGEMENTS AND COUTESIES AFFORDED BY USG IN WASHINGTON TO HAITIAN DELEGATION TO OASGA. HE SPOKE WITH PARTICULAR APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES SHOWN PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT FORD AT WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION AND BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE WAS ALSO MOST GRATEFUL FOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO PERMIT HAITIAN SECRETARY OF JUSTICE JEANTY TO MAKE HIGHLY USEFUL CONTACTS IN US OUTSIDE OASGA FRAMEWORK.
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